

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device controlling apparatus comprising:
a communication unit for communicating with electronic devices;
storing means for storing personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ personal information including personal preference information, and priority information in correspondence with one another ~~each other, the personal information including personal preference information;~~

detecting means for detecting the personal identification information and a location of a person identified by the detected personal identification information;

searching means for searching the storing means for the personal information and the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected by the detecting means; and

controlling means for, based on the personal information and the priority information searched for by the searching means, causing the communication unit to transmit a control signal to the electronic devices installed in the detected location.

2. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storing means stores the personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ the personal information, and the priority information about a plurality of persons ~~as well as priority information about each of the plurality of persons; and~~

~~wherein the controlling means transmits to the electronic devices the control signal based on the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected by the detecting means.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the detecting means detects a plurality of persons and the controlling means determines priorities of [[a]] the plurality of persons who are present in the detected location on the basis of the personal information and the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected by the detecting means about the plurality of persons, the controlling means further transmitting the control signal reflecting the priorities of the plurality of persons to the electronic devices.

4. (Currently Amended) An electronic device controlling system comprising:
an electronic device installed in each of one or a plurality of locations;
an electronic device controlling apparatus which is connected to the electronic device installed in each of the one or the plurality of locations and which is capable of controlling the electronic device; and
personal identification information transmitting means which is furnished in each of the one or the plurality of locations and which transmits to the electronic device controlling apparatus personal identification information and personal information including personal preference information about a person having entered in any one of the one or the plurality of locations;

wherein the electronic device controlling apparatus includes:

a communication unit for communicating with the electronic devices;

a reception unit for receiving the personal identification information from the personal identification information transmitting means furnished in each of the one or the plurality of locations;

detecting means for detecting the ~~[[room]]~~ location from which the personal identification information received by the reception unit has been transmitted;

storing means for storing the personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ the personal information, and priority information in correspondence with ~~each other~~ one another;

searching means for searching the storing means for the personal information and the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected by the reception unit; and

controlling means for, based on the personal information and the priority information searched for by the searching means, causing the communication unit to transmit a control signal to the electronic device installed in the location detected by the detecting means.

5. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling system according to claim 4, wherein the storing means of the electronic device controlling apparatus stores the personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ the personal information, and the priority information about a plurality of persons ~~as well as priority information about each of the plurality of persons~~; and

~~wherein the controlling means of the electronic device controlling apparatus transmits to the electronic device the control signal based on the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected by the detecting means.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling system according to claim 4, wherein the detecting means detects a plurality of persons and the controlling means of the electronic device controlling apparatus determines priorities of ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of persons who are present in the ~~[[room]]~~ location detected by the detecting means on the basis of the personal information and the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information acquired by the reception unit about the plurality of persons, the controlling means ~~further~~ transmitting the control signal reflecting the priorities of the plurality of persons to the electronic device.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic device controlling method comprising the steps of:

causing personal identification information transmitting means installed in each of a plurality of locations to transmit personal identification information ~~and personal information including personal preference information~~ about a person who is present in any one of the plurality of locations to a controlling apparatus;

detecting the location of the person identified by the personal identification information received from the personal identification information transmitting means;

searching for personal information and priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected in the detecting step through storing means which stores the personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ the personal information including personal preference information, and the priority information in correspondence with each other one another; and

transmitting a control signal to an electronic device installed in the location detected in the detecting step, the control signal being based on the personal information and the priority information searched for in the searching step.

8. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling method according to claim 7, wherein the storing means stores the personal identification information, ~~[[and]]~~ the personal information, and the priority information about a plurality of persons ~~as well as priority information about each of the plurality of persons; and~~

~~wherein the controlling step transmits to the electronic device the control signal based on the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected in the detecting step.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The electronic device controlling method according to claim 7, wherein a plurality of persons are present in the detected location and the controlling step determines priorities of ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of persons who are present in the detected location on the basis of the personal information and the priority information corresponding to the personal identification information detected in the

detecting step about the plurality of persons, the controlling step further transmitting the control signal reflecting the priorities of the plurality of persons to the electronic device.